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SUBJECT: ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF ANDRE FORTIN, LEADER OF  
SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY

REF: OTTAWA (76) 4447

1. ACCORDING TO CP TICKER, SOCIAL CREDIT (SOCRED) LEADER  
ANDRE FORTIN WAS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT JUNE 24  
IN QUEBEC. FORTIN HELD SOCRED LEADERSHIP ONLY SINCE  
ELECTION NOVEMBER, 1976 WHEN HE CHOSEN AT LEADERSHIP  
CONVENTION TO SUCCEED REAL CAQUETTE.

2. COMMENT: FORTIN'S TRAGIC DEATH AT 33 YEARS OF AGE  
SHOULD NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON NATIONAL POLITICAL  
SCENE. WITH ONLY 11 MEMBERS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND  
SIGNS OF PARTY DISINTEGRATION FOLLOWING CAQUETTE'S STEP-  
PING DOWN AS LEADER, SOCRED'S GENERALLY CONSIDERED IN  
DECLINE AS POLITICAL FORCE.

3. FORTIN'S DEATH WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER QUEBEC BY-ELECTION.  
FORTIN'S 1974 VICTORY IN LOTBINIERE RIDING WAS BY TEN  
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THOUSAND VOTE MARGIN OVER NEAREST RIVAL (OF 35,000 VOTES  
CAST) AND RIDING PRESUMABLY SAFE FOR SOCRED'S.

4. CHOICE OF NEW SOCRED LEADER MIGHT PRODUCE NEW TONE IN  
PARTY LEADERSHIP. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, FORTIN'S CLOSEST  
RIVAL FOR LEADERSHIP AT NOVEMBER CONVENTION WAS MP RENE  
MATTE WHO OVERTLY BIASED TOWARDS FRENCH-SPEAKING QUEBEC

AND WITH LITTLE CONCERN FOR ANGLOPHONE QUEBEC COMMUNITY.  
FORTIN, BY CONTRAST, MORE MODERATE ON ANGLOPHONE POSITION  
IN THAT PROVINCE. ENDERS

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